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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing to you to express my full support for the proposed prescribing regulations. As a practicing PA for 24 years, I have worked in mixed groups of both allopathic and osteopathic physicians. Not being able to prescribe under my osteopathic supervisors has created years of confusion for my patients. They don't understand why on one day I can write prescriptions and on another day I can't.

Since 1993, PAs have been safely prescribing under allopathic supervision. Osteopathic physicians should be afforded the same prescriptive authority delegation as allopathic physicians. I also want to urge that the Board adopt the exact same language as the medical board. This will ensure that no confusion or problems occur between the regulations.

Finally, I want to thank the Board for finally addressing one of the most important and needed aspects toward caring for the patients of our Commonwealth.

Sincerely,



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